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## FERGUSON SUPPORT IN YEG

Alishah Punjani and Shannon Maher attend a rally at Churchill Square Tuesday night after a grand jury in Ferguson, Mo., declined to indict an officer who shot Michael Brown. Story, page 4. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

# Catholic schools OK capital plan

**New priorities for board.** More data used to determine district needs



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A new elementary school for Edmonton's southeast and a special Grade 5-to-9 school in Castle Downs top the Catholic school board's priority list for most-needed infrastructure.

On Tuesday, the Edmonton Catholic Schools board of trustees approved the district's three-year capital plan, which featured 28 projects needed in the city by 2019.

The plan, which is usually released in April, was released in November by administration to get a jump on any potential provincial funding announcements, said district superintendent Joan Carr.

In total, seven new schools, 19 modernizations and two

partnership projects were listed in order of priority for the district — some of which have not appeared on previous lists.

"There was more sophisticated data used, that was not available last year in the rubric," explained board chair Debbie Engel.

Topping the list, the district is asking for an elementary school in the Meadows neighbourhood in southeast Edmonton that can serve 300 when opened and be expanded to handle 600 students.

district is still waiting on land from the city for the site, ECS is also considering partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton and Covenant Health for a facility to serve up to 900 students in the same area.

The district will also look for provincial dollars to modernize St. Francis Xavier High School, St. Francis Assisi Elementary and St. Alphonsus Elementary-Junior High.

In October, Alberta's Education Minister announced

### Change is in the air

**"For a period of about 50 years we haven't seen this amount of capital construction in our school district."**

ECS assistant superintendent Boris Radyo

The district will also lobby the provincial government for a Grade 5-to-9 school in Castle Downs-Rapperswill to serve up to 600 students.

A new elementary in Windermere's Keswick neighbourhood closes out the top-three spot on the list. While the

four new schools for the district after an earlier announcement last year of three new schools. According to ECS assistant superintendent Boris Radyo, the last years have had the most new-school approvals in the district's experience since the 1960s.



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## Child care. Vote saves plan for modulars

Child-care spaces for Edmonton Catholic students were spared Tuesday, after a motion to quash a board decision to purchase specialized modulars was narrowly voted down.

Trustee John Acheson asked fellow board members to rescind an Oct. 14 decision to purchase eight childcare modular classrooms for before and after school care, but his move was defeated, four to three.

At a cost of \$3.6 million, the district plans to fund the modulars through the district's capital reserve and by selling closed schools and surplus school sites. The district also plans to charge lease to day-care operators to recoup some of the costs.

Acheson argued spending money on child-care modulars is outside of the district's mandate.

"The trustees have recently been provided with a list of essential infrastructure repairs and maintenance in schools in mature neighbourhoods, the cost of which is estimated to be in the area of \$6 million to \$8 million," said Acheson, adding the board doesn't have the cash to cover these costs.

While the motion to ditch the child-care spaces didn't pass, the district will still have to wait on provincial approval to move forward with the plan.

The new childcare modulars will be built for Bishop David Motiuk School, Father Michael Mireau School, St. John XXIII School and the St. Brendan Replacement School.

The board will consider daycare buildings for St. Richard Elementary School and St. Bonaventure Elementary School in 2015.

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Uber has said it is interested in the Edmonton market and has held a job fair for drivers. METRO FILE

# Uber silent on hiring of provincial lobbyist

**Ride share.** Despite no operations in Alberta, company says it aspires 'to be in every city around the world'



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Ride-share app company Uber has hired a provincial lobbyist, but isn't saying much about why they need one.

New West Public Affairs, a registered lobbyist for a variety of companies, officially filed to represent the company in December last year.

New West's principals in-

clude former Conservative MP Monte Solberg.

It re-filed in August to continue to represent Uber and, according to the filing, is lobbying the provincial municipal affairs department regarding the Municipal Government Act.

New West is also seeking to influence the provincial transportation department on the Traffic Safety Act.

When asked about its intentions, a company representative said very little.

"Uber works with local representation in jurisdictions across the world. While Uber currently does not operate in Alberta, we aspire to be in every city around the world where current transportation

options fall short of meeting demand," said spokeswoman Lauren Altmin in an email.

Both government departments said they haven't met with the company.

Municipal Affairs spokesman Matthew Grant said the province has little to do with regulations on taxi service and would expect the company to deal with the municipalities it works in.

"We haven't met with anyone from Uber and our expectation would be any taxi-type service would meet with all those requirements," he said.

Metro tried to contact New West, but did not receive a reply.

While the company has been coy about its launch

### Uber's arrival

Uber has arrived in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Vancouver and had a trial program in Calgary.

- The company's app allows users to hail a driver, get updates on when the driver will arrive and pay the fare all through their smartphone.

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"The news remains the same, in that we are exploring expansion opportunities across the country," said Altmin.

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# Stuff a Bus campaign marks 20 years of food bank support

When Edmonton Transit Service's Stuff a Bus campaign first started 20 years ago, things were much different.

The campaign has reached a new level, with many volunteers turned away due to the high demand from ETS staff to take part in the food drive supporting Edmonton Food Bank.

"It came from a humble idea and grew," said Sharon Gingara, one of the founders of the campaign. "Transit employees work with the community everyday. They see the people, they drive the people that many are being served by the food bank so staff is out there and understand the needs."

## Quoted

**"It's a great idea that has received great support."**

Coun. Bev Esslinger

ETS volunteers will be stationed out at different locations starting Wednesday until Nov. 29 in hopes of filling 15 40-foot long city buses with non-perishable food to help those in need.

"It's a great idea that has received great support," said Coun. Bev Esslinger.

Since its start in 1995, the campaign has collected over 348,000 kilograms of food and \$357,000 in cash, with the Strathcona and Parkland food banks also benefiting from the campaign.

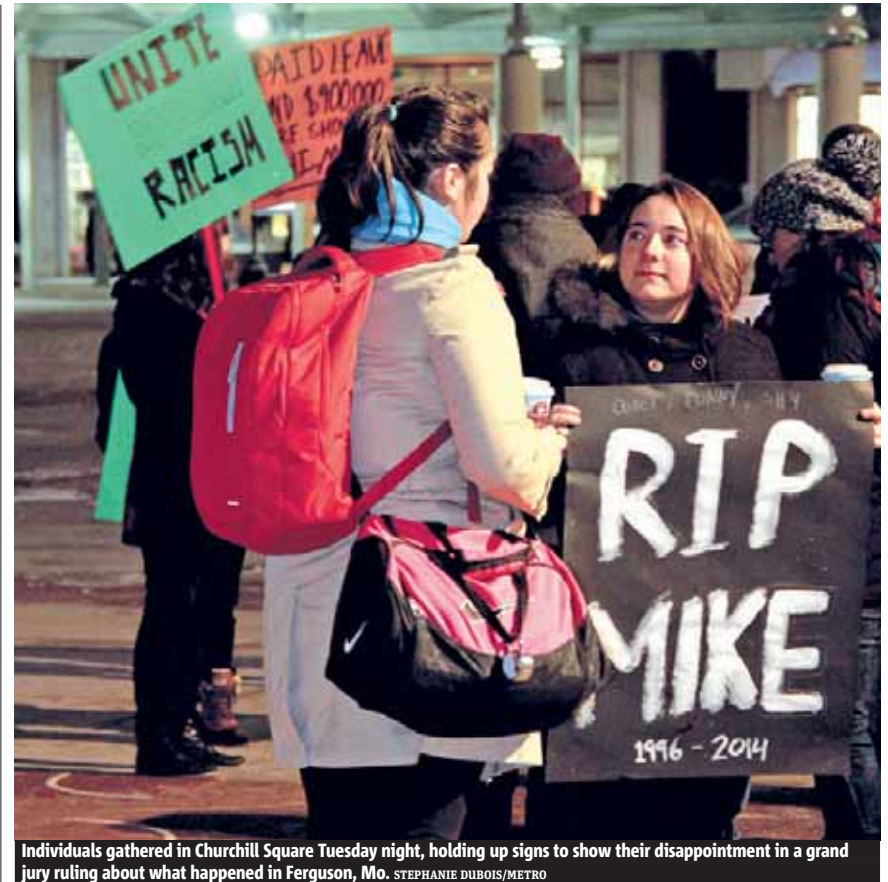
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Edmonton Transit's Stuff a Bus campaign starts Nov. 26 and runs until Nov. 29. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

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Individuals gathered in Churchill Square Tuesday night, holding up signs to show their disappointment in a grand jury ruling about what happened in Ferguson, Mo. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

# 'Racism is not dead'

**Rally.** Local protest held after grand jury decision in U.S. city over killing of unarmed black teen by white police officer



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After watching the grand jury decision from Ferguson, Mo., Monday night, 16-year-old Lola Calic knew she had to do something.

"It was just really, really frustrating and angering," said the Edmonton teen after the U.S. court decided not to indict officer Darren Wilson in the death of 18-year-old Michael Brown. "I was livid."

While a mix of peaceful protests and rioting were held across the U.S. Monday and Tuesday, Calic wanted to bring the issue to Edmonton and took to Facebook to organize a rally to protest the decision.

"It kind of got bigger and bigger," said the teen, who has more than 2,000 invited to the event.

Calic said she hopes the rally will shine a spotlight on racism and bring awareness to the issue.

"Racism is not dead. We need to work together to try to eliminate it and discrimination."

Protester Melody Williamson echoed the statement at the Churchill Square rally Tuesday night.

"The police that do these acts get to walk free, and I truly believe that if it was a white person that they assaulted, the pressure to put them behind bars would be a lot higher."

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Oliver residents are hoping the city will do an upgrade to Jasper Avenue that will do more than just replace the existing infrastructure and make the road more pedestrian-friendly. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

# Residents want full Jasper Avenue re-do

**Oliver.** Community doesn't like renewal project as budgeted



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Oliver residents have told city councillors that if they're not going to do a renewal of Jasper Avenue right, they shouldn't do it at all.

Several members of the community league told councillors that a planned renewal of the street between 109 Street and 124 Street — which is budgeted at \$18.5 million — shouldn't go ahead unless the roadway is redesigned.

Erin Toop, with the league, said the road should be changed to make it more friendly for cyclists and pedestrians and less of a freeway through the neighbourhood.

"If they do repave it and replace the sidewalks and give us like for like, they wouldn't be making it better," she said.

Lisa Brown said while many people use that stretch of Jasper just to get out of downtown, to Oliver residents it's part of their community.

"We don't consider Jasper Avenue an arterial road, because it's the main street in our neighbourhood, she said.

Both Brown and Toop want the city to do a complete street redesign of the road, making space for drivers, pedestrians, transit and cyclists.

Coun. Scott McKeen said he believes the community was making a reasonable point.

"Let's do the design right and make sure that as we are re-doing Jasper Avenue in Oliver that we are doing a main street urban street de-

## Jasper Avenue

The capital budget includes \$20 million to do upgrade work on Jasper between 102 Street and 109 Street that would aim to make similar improvements to what the city has done between 100 Street and 102 Street.

- Council will begin deliberations on the budget on Wednesday.

sign," he said.

Kelly FitzGibbon, with the transportation department, said council can direct a redesign during the budget process, but the department doesn't want to delay a renewal of the road.

"It's in a state that transportation operations doesn't want to put it off any longer than it has to."

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# Museum looks to recreate classic signage

**Bright idea.** Neon museum might add a location in a few years



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The city is looking at reviving some of Edmonton's bright

history by adding to the neon museum.

Although the city would be looking for sponsorship to move ahead, officials say replicating some historic signs such as the Hub Cigar sign is in the works: "The signs that have elements that if you talk to the older generation, they'd say, 'Oh yeah, I used to walk past that sign,'" said David Holdsworth, with the city.

## On replicating signs

**"There shouldn't be a shortage of them."**

David Holdsworth

There are eight signs currently up on 104 Street — four in storage and four being offered, added Holdsworth.

Nearby buildings will be eyed for the expansion of

the neon museum, with the owner of the Mercer building showing excitement over expansion in the past, said city officials.

"If it fills up, we would look for a facility in the immediate vicinity. There isn't a plan to put it anywhere else in the city," said Holdsworth, adding it will probably be several years down the road when the museum fills up.



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## The house. Ex-Wildrose members avoid old mates

Progressive Conservative backbencher Kerry Towle began the first day of her new political life Tuesday watching her old boss fight for the issues she once championed for the Wildrose.

Towle quit the Wildrose along with Ian Donovan on Monday, saying internal problems with the Wildrose and the promise of a future under Premier Jim Prentice prompted the decision.

Towle sat with a thin smile in the back row of the government side of the chamber during question period, as Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith critiqued problems with seniors care.

Smith asked about the lack of long-term care beds, the lack of baths given to seniors, and the controversial rules that have forced senior couples to live apart in different care homes.

"This government takes married seniors in long-term care and forces them into separate nursing homes up to 100 kilometres away from their home," Smith told the house.

Seniors Minister Jeff John-

son said "there is progress" on bringing seniors together and on eliminating the rules that keep them apart.

These were all issues championed by Towle as she built a reputation over the last two years as a strong and fierce defender of seniors' rights for the Wildrose party.

But in an emotional news conference with Prentice, she suggested she could no longer countenance interference in caucus matters. She also said her constituents told her to look at working with Prentice.

Towle was very close to Smith and was one of her key lieutenants. On Tuesday she said she had not spoken to Smith since crossing the floor, but hoped to reach out at some point.

"When she's ready I hope so, but I understand that my position has hurt her deeply," said Towle.

Donovan told reporters he was comfortable with his decision to leave and said Smith needed to get rid of the advisers around her. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Scam

## Police warn fake bills circulating around the city

Edmonton police are urging store owners to double check the serial numbers on \$100 US bills this holiday season, after a series of incidents where the counterfeit bills were used.

According to the EPS Economic Crimes Section, there have been more than 120 counterfeit bills used at Edmonton-area businesses.

Police believe one man is behind the scam, passing off the fake cash at big-box stores to purchase gift cards and electronics. **METRO**

### XL Foods

## Tentative deal to settle part of beef-recall suit

Lawyers have brokered a tentative deal to settle part of a class-action lawsuit filed over an E. coli outbreak and the largest meat recall in Canadian history.

The lawsuit is against XL Foods Inc., which operated a meat-packing plant in southern Alberta during the tainted beef recall in 2012.

Rick Mallett, a lawyer for the Edmonton law firm behind the class action, said the settlement is to cover refunds to consumers for products that were recalled. **CANADIAN PRESS**



# Councillors ask tough questions on neighbourhood renewal work



The city auditor found that road construction contractors were not being required to fix deficient work in all cases.  
RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

**Latest audit.**  
Construction quality  
a concern for some  
councillors



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City councillors, reviewing a damning audit of the city's road construction department, had some pointed questions and want at least one more audit.

The city auditor released a report last week that found the city wasn't following up with contractors when their work didn't meet standards, and had limited documentation about why one neighbourhood was picked over another for renewal work.

Coun. Mike Nickel said he believes there is a problem with construction quality in

## At a glance

- The neighbourhood renewal program was introduced in 2009 and features a dedicated 1.5 per cent tax increase.
- Prior to the dedicated tax increase the city was doing only one or two neighbourhoods each year, but is now working in between 10 and 15.

the neighbourhood renewal program and asked for a detailed review.

Nickel said he has heard a lot of complaints from residents who don't think their renewal project was done well.

"I have the neighbourhood for them to take a good hard look at, just by the sheer volume of complaints.

"That's why I brought this

forward," he said.

Transportation general manager Dorian Wandzura assured council the department was keeping on top of contractors.

"It would be incorrect to assume that there has been no quality control, but what we do know is that we have been less than rigid in terms of our documentation," he said.

Mayor Don Iveson said he has often heard complaints from residents who questioned the timeline for neighbourhood renewal.

"If it's not being transparent that just introduces doubt in the public," he said.

Wandzura said the city does have criteria for how neighbourhoods are selected, but they also have to factor in schedules and utility work.

"The last thing we want to do is follow a rigid set of rules and have someone come along in two years and dig up something we just put down."

# EPSB appoints its first student trustee

The newest member of Edmonton's public school board will be balancing books with district priorities.

Edmonton Christian High School's Johannah Ko was appointed Tuesday to join the city's public school board as the district's first student trustee.

EPSB is the only board in the province to create a special student position on the board and will run the project as a one-year pilot.

While Ko won't have the ability to vote like other board members, she said she plans on bringing a unique student perspective to the board.

"I think it's really important students have their voices heard and are represented, not just in a school role, but in a district role," said Ko, who was chosen by the Student Advisory Council.

Trustee chair Sarah Hoffman said she's thrilled to have a new member on the board and is looking forward to the insight Ko can provide.

"I think what this position is about is not who the student trustee is, it's about the students who are behind the trustee member and the students in the schools in Edmonton," she added.

"(There is) a commitment on behalf of students to re-

mind us every decision we make is going to impact students every single day, and I think that will be even more evident through her presence at the board table," she said.

Even though the position has a one-year timeline, Hoffman said the board will be eager to hear student feedback so trustees can decide to make the project permanent.

While the pilot project will run for a one-year term, the student trustee won't have voting power.

## At a glance

- Student trustees already have been established at different districts across the country including Vancouver Public, Toronto Public and in New Brunswick.
- Along with the one-year pilot project, a districtwide leadership-governance course will be planned for high school students.

will run for a one-year term, the student trustee won't

have voting power.

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## Child porn case

## Halifax police probing news outlet for possible breach of publication ban

Police have launched an investigation into a possible breach of a publication ban after a major news outlet in Halifax published the name of a teenage girl at the centre of a high-profile child pornography case.

Const. Pierre Bourdages said Tuesday that they had received several reports from citizens complaining about the use of the girl's name, which is subject to a publication ban under the Criminal Code.

"There's an alleged breach of the publication ban ... so we have an investigation ongoing now," he said.

The news outlet said late Monday that it decided to name the girl because it believes doing so is in the

public interest given the widespread recognition of her name and the good that can come from free public debate over sexual consent and other elements of her story.

The girl's family has been steadfast in their opposition to the ban, arguing that concealing her name ends up silencing her and suppressing part of her story.

Her father, who often wore T-shirts bearing her name in court, said he was thrilled to see the outlet use

his daughter's name.

"It's fantastic," he said. "Her name should be a part of the story and she would never have wanted to be silenced."

The news outlet's decision came the same day a second young man pleaded guilty in the case in youth court. The man will be sentenced in January for distributing a sexually graphic image of the 15-year-old girl, who died last year after a suicide attempt.

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CBC radio host Jian Ghomeshi is shown in a handout photo. The CBC says Ghomeshi has withdrawn a \$55-million lawsuit against the public broadcaster.  
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# Ghomeshi drops \$55M CBC lawsuit

## Abuse allegations.

CBC spokesman says both sides have reached an agreement, but Ghomeshi is to receive 'nothing'

Scandal-plagued former radio host Jian Ghomeshi has reached an agreement with the CBC to withdraw his \$55-million lawsuit against the public broadcaster, a CBC spokesman said on Tuesday.

Ghomeshi was fired by the CBC last month amid allegations of "abusive behaviour" from numerous women — claims which he has denied.

The 47-year-old former host of the radio program Q launched his lawsuit a day after the termination of his employment, alleging defamation and breach of confidence in his statement of claim. The CBC then argued in court filings earlier this month that Ghomeshi's allegations were frivolous or vexatious, and urged a court to dismiss the suit.

CBC spokesman Chuck Thompson confirmed that lawyers for both sides have now reached an agreement.

"The suit is being withdrawn with costs in favour of CBC," he said. "He's getting nothing."

Ghomeshi is expected to

pay \$18,000 in legal costs to the CBC, Thompson said. The agreement still needs to be formalized through a court — a step Thompson said is expected in the near future.

Ghomeshi had also filed a union grievance against the CBC alleging dismissal without cause, a matter which Thompson said still remains active.

A lawyer for Ghomeshi confirmed that the lawsuit between his client and the CBC "has been resolved."

"CBC and Mr Ghomeshi will address all issues in the lawsuit in binding arbitration in accordance with the collective agreement between them," said Jonathan Lisus. "Counsel appointed by the union will have carriage of the arbitration."

The CBC has said it decided to fire Ghomeshi after seeing "graphic evidence" that he had physically injured a woman.

Since his dismissal, nine women have come forward with allegations, some dating back a decade, that Ghomeshi sexually or physically assaulted them, and police are investigating complaints by at least three of them.

Ghomeshi faces no charges. He admitted in a lengthy Facebook post published on Oct. 26, the day he was fired, that he engaged in "rough sex," but insisted his encounters with women were consensual.

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# Meet the family, or perhaps not

When reporter Jessica Smith Cross learned Silicon Valley genetics testing service 23andme was offering Canadians a new \$199 mail-in test, she was curious: How much could she learn from her DNA and how much should she learn? This is the first in a three-part series in which Smith Cross — who took the spit test — delves into the implications of increasingly easy testing in the complicated legal and ethical Canadian landscape.

First up: When it comes to your genes, why would you want to know?



JESSICA  
SMITH CROSS  
Metro in Toronto

Carolynn Baird had given up on ever meeting her birth mother.

Baird, now in her 70s, has Parkinson's disease and signed up to the California-based genetic testing company 23andme to learn about her genes. She wanted to know if she had a genetic family history of Parkinson's, or if environmental factors were more likely to blame. Being adopted, she didn't know.

But the service didn't just give her access to her familial medical history — it gave her access to her family: Specifically, her mother.

23andme offers its \$199 genetic testing kits free to Parkinson's patients in an effort to aid research into the disease.

When she got the results, Baird learned she didn't have the typical genetic variant that's believed to predispose people to Parkinson's. She also learned she has a second cousin who, like her, had signed up to 23andme's relative-finding service.

She contacted the woman. "I discovered that she knew my birth family. It was quite a shock."

Baird was adopted at six months and grew up in Ontario's Niagara Peninsula. She said she wanted to know her family out of "human curiosity."

Because of 23andme, Baird met "about 50" relatives and plans to keep in touch.

"This summer my immediate family, my kids, my husband and I, we went to one of their homes and met all the cousins and all the nieces and it was an absolutely wonderful experience," Baird said. "I never expected my mother



Paul Dodds holds a photograph of his father at his Surrey, B.C., home. Dodds, a war baby, had been searching for the identity of his father for years, and found him using 23andme, a genetic testing service. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

## It's all in your genes

→ Tomorrow: It's not science fiction — Smith Cross discovers genetic discrimination is very real in Canada.  
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would still be here. It was quite amazing, really."

Unlike Baird, when I signed up to 23andme, I chose not to be notified if I have any relatives who use the service. I love the family members I have and have no desire to get in touch with a fourth or fifth cousin. But, it hadn't occurred to me, until I spoke with people who are search-



Paul Dodds with his half-sister Teri Evans, right, and his stepsister Melanie Nowlin (his father's second wife's daughter). Dodds was in New Jersey to meet them for the first time earlier this year. CONTRIBUTED

ing for family, what it might mean to find a distant cousin and use that connect to sleuth out family.

Still, Baird has not spoken with her mother. Her family pointed her out, but Baird

chose not to tell her, that she was her daughter.

"Since she had never told anyone about me, I didn't want to disturb her life at this stage. So when I went to see her, I just saw her. I didn't go

## What if records are not legally available?

### An alternate way to trace birth parents

A mother who gave up her child for adoption — or a once-anonymous sperm donor — can be discovered through 23andme if one of their blood relatives signs up and gets in contact with the person seeking the identity of their family. But that's not to say the mother or father wants to be found.

The laws surrounding the disclosures of birth parents' identity differs across Canada. For example, the parents of children born in Alberta and adopted prior to 2005, can veto the disclosure of their identities to the child. Parents in Ontario can veto the release of their identities if the adoption occurred before Sept. 1, 2008. In B.C., that veto date is November 1996. In Nova Scotia, both birth parent and adopted

child must agree to the disclosure of the parent's identity. Manitoba's laws are set to change next year so that parents and children will no longer be able to veto the release of their information.

So, children seeking their birth parents can, in some cases, find out who they are through 23andme, even if the government records wouldn't legally be available in their situation.

Sometimes, finding out family members you didn't know you had isn't a good thing.

For example, a biology teacher wrote an essay on Vox.com about how he accidentally gave his parents "the gift of divorce" when he gave them 23andme kits for Christmas, and they found his father had fathered another child.

"I'm really devastated at the outcome," the man, who withheld his name, wrote. "I wrestle with these emotions. I love my family. This is nothing I ever would have wished."

and speak to her," Baird said.

In Surrey, B.C., resident Paul Dodds is urging Canadians, especially those who had relatives in the military, to take DNA tests so "war babies" like him who are the children of North American men who served overseas, have a chance to find their relatives.

Dodds grew up thinking his mother's husband, Len Dodds, was his father.

When he was 50, Len passed away from a rare cancer. He called a relative to find out more about Len's medical

history and that's when an uncle told him the truth.

"My mother had been deliberately lying to me," Dodds said. "She was hiding something and I had to find out."

Dodds was born in Wales, just after the Second World War.

Dodds tried 23andme and found a first cousin, who led him to his half sister, who lives in New Jersey. He learned his biological father, Leon Rossien, was in Dodds' mother's area around Victory in Europe Day, May 8, 1945, when Dodds was conceived.



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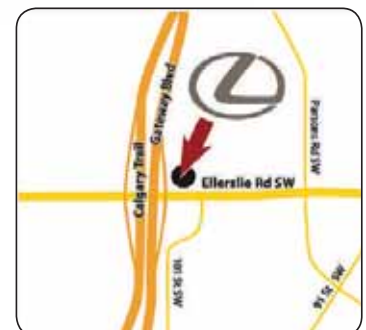


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# Ferguson awakens to destruction after night of protests and arrests

## Shooting death of Michael Brown.

Protesters peaceful and violent alike took to the streets last night in wake of grand jury decision

Missouri's governor ordered more National Guardsmen into Ferguson on Tuesday to keep order after a night of violence over the grand jury decision in the police shooting of Michael Brown.

Smoke billowed from burned-out Ferguson businesses on Tuesday and glass littered the sidewalks from display windows that were smashed during the protests that erupted after it was announced that police Officer Darren Wilson wouldn't be indicted for killing Brown on Aug. 9.

More than a dozen businesses were badly damaged or destroyed.

There were 61 arrests in Ferguson overnight, St. Louis County Police spokesman Brian



This aerial photo shows the St. Louis skyline in the distance, Tuesday, as businesses smolder in Ferguson, Mo., after they were burned in overnight protests following a grand jury's decision not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the killing of Michael Brown. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Schellman said. There were 21 arrests in St. Louis, where protesters broke some store windows along South Grand

Avenue, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay said.

At least 18 people were injured and sought treatment

at area hospitals, including someone who was shot and recovering Tuesday at SSM DePaul Health Center. The hospi-

tal didn't give any details about the shooting. Two other people were admitted to Barnes-Jewish Hospital for undisclosed injur-

## Simmering U.S. tensions

### The world reacts

The violent protests in Ferguson, Missouri, reflect simmering U.S. tensions over racial discrimination that could undermine the country's stability, a senior Russian diplomat said Tuesday. The comments by the Russian Foreign Ministry's human rights envoy, Konstantin Dolgov, were among the sharpest from a foreign official as images of violent protests in Ferguson topped newscasts around the world.

ies. Everyone else was treated and released.

The grand jury's decision means that Wilson, who is white, will not face any state criminal charges for killing Brown, who was black and unarmed.

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## Officer Wilson says he couldn't have prevented Brown's killing



Darren Wilson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson says he couldn't have done anything differently in his confrontation with Michael Brown to have prevented the 18-year-old's shooting death.

Wilson made his first public statements Tuesday during an interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos.

He told Stephanopoulos he has a clean conscience because

"I know I did my job right."

Wilson was placed on leave Aug. 9, the day the white officer fatally shot Brown, who was unarmed and black.

Wilson had been with the Ferguson police force for less than three years before the shooting. He told Stephanopoulos that Brown's shooting marked the first time he had used his gun.

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## Details

ABC News' George Stephanopoulos landed the much-sought first television interview with Darren Wilson, speaking to him for an hour Tuesday in Missouri.

- The network interrupted its afternoon programming Tuesday for Stephanopoulos to talk about the interview, even before excerpts were available.

- In television terms, the

Wilson interview was one of the biggest "gets" of the year, and the Ferguson police officer reportedly held discussions with representatives from CBS, NBC and CNN before deciding to speak with Stephanopoulos.

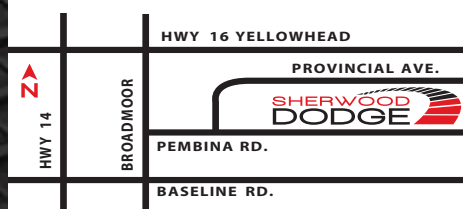


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## Big hits for smaller paycheques

Bollywood actors Hrithik Roshan, right, and Katrina Kaif pose for the media during the music launch of their upcoming film Bang Bang in Mumbai, India, in this Sept. 17 file photo. This is Bollywood's year of the woman. Some of the biggest hits in India's prolific movie industry this year have female leads in female-oriented stories — but a film actress gets paid a fraction of what their male counterparts command. Top male stars earn around 400 million rupees (\$6.7 million US) per film on average, apart from a share of the profits, according to industry experts. A-list actresses such as Deepika Padukone and Kaif get paid a tenth of that per film. RAFIQ MAQB00/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

## Watchdog in favour of ride-share apps

### Competition Bureau.

After several cities took action against Uber, the federal regulator suggests loosening the rules may be the answer

The Competition Bureau says municipalities should consider whether whether moves to ban digital dispatch services and ride-sharing applications are necessary.

In a commentary published on its website, the federal regulator said Tuesday that municipalities should look to see if less-restrictive regulations could address their concerns.

"The Competition Bureau is of the view that these innovative business models have the potential to offer important benefits to consumers through more competition, including lower prices, greater convenience and better service quality for a variety of reasons," the regulator said.

The comments follow a move by Toronto council last week to seek a court injunction to force Uber Canada Inc. to stop operations in the city.

The Competition Bureau said municipalities have raised concerns that digital dispatch services may not comply with

### Uber

Uber, which operates around the world, has faced criticism and bitter opposition from established players to its operations.

- The company, in turn, has accused the taxi companies of trying to stifle competition and said ride-sharing brings costs down for users and creates jobs.
- In seeking its injunction, Toronto accused Uber of carrying on the business of a taxicab broker or limousine service company because it is accepting and processing requests for taxicab or limousine services from passengers, but it has not applied for or received a licence.

local regulations and licensing requirements.

It noted that Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver recently disallowed ride-sharing services and Ottawa and Toronto have taken enforcement action. The regulator said some have also raised concerns about consumer-protection issues, including safety and privacy concerns.

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### Waterloo

## BlackBerry paying people to ditch their iPhones

BlackBerry hopes a \$600 incentive will convince iPhone users to swap their touchscreen Apple device for a keyboard-equipped BlackBerry Passport.

The Waterloo-based technology company plans to launch the holiday

promotion in December, giving customers up to \$400 of trade-in value, depending on which model of iPhone they have.

It'll also offer those who switch up to an additional \$200 through a prepaid credit card.

The deep discount is only available to North American customers who order through Amazon or BlackBerry's online store before Feb. 13.

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## VOICES

## ‘HANDS UP, DON’T SHOOT’ RESONATES HERE

In the aftermath of the grand jury's decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Michael Brown, emotions are running high and many questions remain. Jen Taplin spoke with author, activist, spoken-word artist, professor and Halifax Regional Municipality's poet laureate El Jones on why Canada needs to pay attention



JENNIFER  
TAPLIN  
Metro in Halifax

**What was your reaction when you heard Darren Wilson would not be indicted?** What's the saying? 'Shocked, but not surprised.'

To indict the officer is to indict the system and they can't indict the system without then reforming it, so I didn't expect anything to happen there.

**What do you think about the reaction across the United States?** You've seen photos of them being treated like it's a hostile military country imposing no-fly zones.

So that's very disturbing, that people who are citizens of the country being treated like the enemy, with the same tactics they're using in Iraq or Afghanistan as invaders, and occupation is being directed at its own citizens.

From the beginning, there's been a consistent police response, which has been about repression rather than recognizing the right of the people to be in their own streets in their own country. We tend to get this media response that it's looting, it's rioting. (But) it's revolution.

The people are recognizing the solutions are not going to lie inside the political system, the justice system. It's going to



Lesley McSpadden, the mother of Michael Brown, second from left standing on the top of a car, hugs an unidentified man, wearing an "I am Mike Brown" shirt, as she listens to the announcement of the grand jury decision Monday in Ferguson, Mo. A grand jury has decided not to indict. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

have to be from people making their own response and that's what we've seen on the streets of Ferguson.

People want to characterize that as violence as that delegitimizes the protest ... I know people get frightened when

something revolutionary happens, but I think it's positive because what we've seen is the ordinary people organizing ...

**What about the reaction in Canada?** There's been a lot more awareness of racial

profiling and police brutality in general ... We had the Moncton shootings and we're always coming through this lens in Canada, especially with Ottawa, of violence against police versus police violence.

There's that question of is

it disrespectful to talk about the police when we've had Moncton? When we held the Ferguson Rally in Halifax people said, 'There aren't shootings here, so why are you holding a rally?'

And we said, 'Well, that's

## Quoted



"People said 'There aren't shootings here so why are you holding a rally?' And we said, 'Well that's why, we want to get people organized to work in our communities before there's a crisis point.'"

El Jones, on why it's important to protest in Canada

why. We want to get people organized to work in our communities before there's a crisis point, because once you're in crisis, there's no justice and there's nothing that can happen. Once somebody's dead, what can you do?

As African people, we have the right to engage our police departments, we should have a race relations committee, we should have members of the community that are keeping the police accountable, we should be doing neighbourhood watch and police watch to make sure policing in our community is in relation to us and we have whatever relationships we need to have in the police department.

## Grand juries

## The difference between U.S. and Canada



KATE  
PUDDISTER  
Guest column

When a grand jury looked at the shooting death of Michael Brown, it was not assessing the guilt or innocence of Officer Darren Wilson, but rather if the prosecution could lay a charge against him and what that charge should be.

In the U.S., grand jury deliberations are controlled by the prosecution and done in secret. The prosecution presents evidence and explains the law to the jury and how it applies to the particular case. The defence does not participate in a grand jury and thus, there is no cross-examination of witnesses. The findings of a grand jury do not have to be unanimous; in Missouri, nine out of 12 jurors must support indictment for a charge to be laid. Prosecutor Robert McCulloch did not have to go the grand jury route. He could have laid charges and proceeded to a preliminary

hearing, a process also used in Canada for serious offences. Unlike a grand jury, a preliminary hearing takes place in an open court, is supervised by a judge, and allows for the cross-examination of witnesses by the defence.

Canada does not use a grand jury process. Instead, in most Canadian provinces the police have the power to lay charges in criminal matters (with the exception of B.C. and Quebec). Once charges have been laid, it is up to the Crown prosecutor to decide which charges will be pursued in court. The Crown must decide based on the evidence if the prosecution is in

the public interest and if there is a likelihood of conviction. Had this incident taken place in Ontario, the Special Investigations Unit (an independent civilian agency), would investigate and determine if criminal charges should be laid, as was the case most recently in the police shooting death of Sammy Yatim in Toronto, who, in an incident caught on tape, was shot eight times by police on a streetcar. The officer in the Yatim case, James Forcillo, was charged with second-degree murder by the SIU and is currently awaiting trial.

It is difficult to know whether the outcome would

be different had the Ferguson case taken place in Canada. Arguably, in an Ontario scenario, the process would have been less controlled by the prosecution, there would have been a SIU investigation, the evidence presented would be subject to more restrictions and cross-examination by the defence. Finally, the decision to prosecute would not be left to a secret decision made by 12 anonymous individuals.

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## Canadian stats

In at least one Canadian jurisdiction, police rarely face charges when involved in violent incidents.

- According to a 2010 investigation by the Toronto Star, the SIU had to date conducted more than 3,400 investigations, with criminal charges being laid in only 95 cases. Only 16 officers had been convicted of a crime and three had gotten jail time.



# Aniston revs up Dr. Julia's raunch in Horrible Bosses 2

**Movies.** Actress game to spice up sex fiend reboot but draws the line at mixing smut with gravy



**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News in Hollywood

In *Horrible Bosses 2*, Jennifer Aniston's sexually predatory Dr. Julia character from the first film finds herself in a setting that shouldn't be that surprising: a support group for sexual compulsives. Only she's not necessarily there with the most honest of intentions. Apparently she was faking the first step.

"I think the intention was to maybe seek help, but I think what she ultimately found out was that this is just like chum for her," Aniston says of the scene.

"What a wonderful sort of easy (opportunity). I'm sure she'd lost all of her patients, she'd done all of them, so maybe this was just another wonderful, innocent way to find more prey."

Dr. Julia as a character is one that got Aniston a lot of acclaim the first time around, particularly because it involved more raunch and raciness than audiences were necessarily expecting from her, and that's something she revelled in.

"She's a hard one to let go of. I didn't get enough of her. It was just like a little In and Out burger, and then she was done," Aniston says.

"I find it extremely enter-



Jennifer Aniston as Dr. Julia in *Horrible Bosses 2*. CONTRIBUTED

## Quoted

"I think the writers called just to say, 'How far can we go with Dr. Julia?' I basically said, 'Go as far as you can go, as long as we're not insulting or offending too many people.'"

Jennifer Aniston

taining, the way she speaks, because I don't really think, to her, she's saying anything inappropriate. I think to her, it's describing the ingredients to a wonderful soufflé or what are we going to be doing this weekend."

For a sequel, though, clearly the envelope needed to be pushed.

"Honestly, I think the writers called just to say, 'How far can we go with Dr. Julia?'"

"I basically said, 'Go as far as you can go, as long as we're not insulting or offending too many people.' I think it rose itself to the occasion. The dialogue was great," she says.

Well, maybe not all of it was that great. There's a moment during the outtakes that play over the film's credits where Aniston flat-out refuses to say an improvised line of dialogue — and now she can't even remember what it was.

"I want to know what the line was! I don't remember," she says.

"The one thing I wouldn't say — imagine how bad it must've been if I said that I can't say it. Either it was

## Horrible Bosses 2

Director. Sean Anders

Stars. Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, Jennifer Aniston

The second look at the pitiful employment record of Nick (Jason Bateman), Kurt (Jason Sudeikis) and Dale (Charlie Day) sees them try to strike it rich with a new product called the Shower Buddy, but when a shady billionaire (Christoph Waltz) pulls a fast one, they get even by kidnapping his son (Chris Pine). There are more laughs on the average job application than in this workplace "comedy." Bateman, Sudeikis and Day seem to be having fun, joking and jostling like brothers, giggling as if they are in on a fantastic gag that only they get. It's too bad the audience doesn't have as much fun watching the movie as the cast apparently did while making it. **RICHARD CROUSE**

so bad or I just really didn't understand it — probably one of the two."

Luckily, one of the film's producers is on hand to remind her: It had something to do with using gravy for sexual purposes.

"It had to do with gravy? Well there you go, right there," she says. "I can tell you, gravy is not funny. Sexual gravy is not funny."

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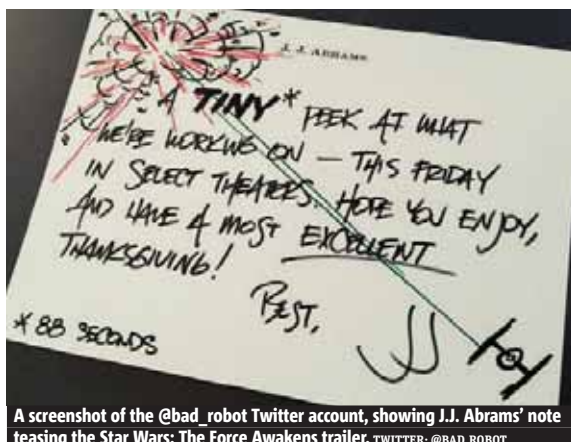
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A screenshot of the @bad\_robot Twitter account, showing J.J. Abrams' note teasing the Star Wars: The Force Awakens trailer. TWITTER: @BAD\_ROBOT

## Movies. Peek at new Star Wars coming this weekend

A teaser trailer for the new Star Wars movie will be released Friday, according to the director of the upcoming seventh film in the iconic franchise.

"A tiny peek at what we're working on — this Friday, in select theaters," tweeted filmmaker J.J. Abrams, adding that the trailer will be 88 seconds long.

"Hope you enjoy, and have a most excellent Thanksgiving," he said, referring to

the U.S. national holiday this Thursday.

Earlier this month studio giant Disney revealed the name of the new film, Star Wars: The Force Awakens, saying filming had been completed on the movie, due for release on Dec. 18, 2015.

Star Wars has attracted generations of loyal fans ever since the first film arrived in 1977 recounting the adventures of Skywalker, Han Solo and Darth Vader.



Director J.J. Abrams AFP FILE

Filming began in Britain in May on Episode VII.

Original cast members Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill, Anthony Daniels, Peter Mayhew and Kenny Baker will star in the new film, along with several newcomers including Oscar winner Lupita Nyong'o.

Other cast members include veteran actor Max von Sydow, Girls star Adam Driver, motion-capture expert Andy Serkis and Harry Potter veteran Domhnall Gleeson.

AFP

### Television

#### Tina Fey sitcom bound for Netflix

Netflix has picked up two seasons of a new sitcom from Tina Fey.

Titled Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt, it focuses on a woman who escapes from a doomsday cult and starts life over in New York. It was co-created by Fey and Robert Carlock, who collaborated on 30 Rock.

It stars Ellie Kemper of The Office. Fey isn't scheduled to appear in the series. Netflix says the 13-episode first season will premiere in March.

The series had originally been bound for NBC, but that network passed. Universal Television, NBC's corporate sibling, will remain the show's producer.

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Tina Fey GETTY IMAGES FILE

### Television

#### New Kurt Cobain film to air on HBO in 2015

Kurt Cobain is the focus of a new documentary that probes the life and untimely death of the Nirvana singer-guitarist.

It will be released in theatres next year and air exclusively on HBO, the network said Tuesday.

Co-produced by HBO Documentary Films, Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck is the first documentary made with the co-operation of Cobain's family. It draws on home movies, journals and other personal archives. It features Nirvana songs and performances and previously unheard Cobain originals.

The film's director-producer, Brett Morgen, has previously made the documentaries Crossfire Hurricane, about the Rolling Stones, and The Kid Stays in the Picture.

Cobain formed Nirvana in 1985, and by the early 1990s was decreed the spokesman of Generation X. He died of suicide in 1994 at age 27.

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### Movies



Oscar Isaac AFP FILE

#### Isaac to play X-Men villain Apocalypse

Inside Llewyn Davis star Oscar Isaac will face the X-Men squad in the third part of the trilogy.

In the last few years, Isaac has achieved a certain fame thanks to roles in Drive, The Bourne Legacy and The Two Faces of January, but he is now increasingly becoming a Hollywood actor.

He was chosen to play a 3,000-year-old Egyptian mutant with disproportionate powers in X-Men Apocalypse, in U.S. theatres in May 2016. Bryan Singer will helm this third part, after his successful 2000 and 2003 movies. AFP

## TV. Rachel McAdams, Kelly Reilly join True Detective

Two actresses seen in Sherlock Holmes will share the limelight in the second season of the acclaimed HBO drama True Detective.

A few weeks before filming starts, the network has unveiled the season's cast, confirming that Rachel McAdams, Kelly Reilly and Taylor Kitsch will be on board. They join Colin Farrell and Vince Vaughn, who were announced back in September.

The eight episodes of True Detective Season 2 will be

shot in California. Justin Lin (Fast and Furious) will helm the first two episodes.

The season will open on the murder of a criminal, with Farrell, McAdams and Kitsch's characters investigating this crime. Farrell will play detective Ray Velcoro, torn between a corrupt police force and a mobster who owns him. McAdams will be Ani Bezzerides, a police officer with uncompromising ethics, while Kitsch will embody Paul Woodrugh, a war veteran with a difficult past.

### Season 2

The show's second season will air in July 2015.

Vince Vaughn is set to play Frank Semyon, whose criminal empire is threatened by his business partner's murder. His wife Jordan, played by Reilly, is a former D-List actress committed to her husband's ambition.

The first series of True De-

tective, co-starring Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson on the hunt for a serial killer in Louisiana, was a critical and popular hit.

Despite winning only a handful of Emmy Awards in minor categories, True Detective remains one of the most talked-about shows of 2014. Cary Fukunaga, who helmed the entire first season, was honoured at the ceremony with the best directing award for the episode Who Goes There. AFP



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Chris Hemsworth and his new puppy ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

## As if one major cutie in the family wasn't enough, the Hemsworths get a puppy

If Chris Hemsworth is the Sexiest Man Alive, does that mean the pooch his family just added to their ranks is the Cutest Puppy Alive?

Not that I'm saying it isn't, mind you. Just wondering if this is some sort of

line of succession thing. The Thor star's wife, actress Elsa Pataky, posted a photo of the pup on Instagram with the multilingual message, "Our new family member!" along with the hashtag cute.

Again, not arguing.

## The Word

## Pitt and Jolie's balcony scene shows not all is domestic bliss

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The working honeymoon is apparently over for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, who were spotted by paparazzi having an "explosive" argument on a balcony of Sydney's InterContinental hotel just hours before the Australian premiere of *Unbroken*, her new film. "He was clearly exasperated with her. They kept talking over each other and putting their hands up in anger. They were upset, but going nowhere. Angie looked like she was on the verge of tears," a source — who, come on, is obviously the photographer — tells *In Touch*.

And after their red carpet duties were done? They departed Australia — "Brad in one private jet, and Angie



in another," another source says.

Now, according to Jolie herself, things at home are going pretty swell, though she does admit there's room for improvement.

"I think we have moments where I'll say, 'I'm going to be a better wife. I'm going to cook,'" Jolie

tells Tom Brokaw during an interview. "And he says, 'Oh, honey. Just know what you're good at. Know what you're not.' But I do this: 'No, no, no! I'm going to get this wife thing down.'"

Maybe they were having one of those moments up on that balcony. Here's to hoping.

## \$3M for bundle of nerves — Cowardly Lion costume sold

How much would you pay for a musty old pile of fur worn by a grown man under sweltering lights? OK, so maybe that pile of fur is actually the costume worn by Bert Lahr as the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*, but still it can't smell that great. The costume in question fetched \$3 million at Bonham's Turner Classic Movies auction recently.



The Cowardly Lion costume from *The Wizard of Oz* on display at Bonham's auction house. The face is a sculpted likeness of late actor Bert Lahr.

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## Manage bio breaks on the road

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2. Be mindful of your water intake if there is even a remote chance of getting stuck in traffic.
3. Carry a few sachets of disinfecting wipes in your day pack.
4. A small bottle of hand sanitizer is great for sharing with the group/kids.
5. Pocket extra napkins from the lunch table, in case you need them later.
6. Keep a few coins on you in case the toilet has a toll.
7. When presented with facilities that are not what you're used to (i.e. holes in the floor), just roll with it. At least you'll get a good story out of it.

**DOUG WALLACE/METRO**

Trend

## Airport cinemas for the layover crowd

Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport is about to open a screening room for passengers in transit with time on their hands. This new viewing lounge is part of a larger arts-oriented refurbishment (pictured) that hopes to give travelers a better sense of the city's cultural offerings. Airports in Seoul, Hong Kong and Singapore already have commercial cinemas — Hong Kong's being an IMAX. Watch for other U.S. hub cities like Dallas and Philadelphia to follow suit.

**TEXT: DOUG WALLACE/METRO PHOTO: AIRPORT FOUNDATION MSP**



## Drinking in all the world has to offer

Jack Maxwell (pictured here at left) drinks for a living. From moss schnapps in Iceland to gut-busting raki in Turkey and homebrew in the Himalayas, he's learned the hard way that tippler's truism: "It's always five o'clock somewhere." Maxwell is the host of *Booze Traveler*, which debuted this month on the Travel Channel. Part travelogue, part drinking diary, *Booze Traveler* takes viewers with Maxwell as he travels to Louisiana, Tennessee and 13 foreign countries, including Armenia, Belize, Lithuania, Mongolia and Nepal. Jaw-dropping scenery serves as a backdrop for many of Maxwell's adventures. In South Africa, he awakes to zebra, impala and giraffes grazing on the sun-dappled savannah, describing it as the perfect hangover cure. Each hour-long episode is a quest to distill the essence of a place through its beers, wines and spirits — a lighthearted look at the world through the lens of a glass. "Every society in history has come up with some form of alcohol to celebrate, to mourn, to take the edge off a long day," he says. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Shake off party nights with a round of golf

**Las Vegas.** Sin City might be best known for its gambling and night life, but its luxe links are worth a wake-up call



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In a city that never sleeps, world-class golf is as much a part of the scene as chorus girls, roulette wheels and morning-after regrets.

If the Hangover movies have taught us anything, it's that unbridled craziness is bound to happen at some point during a Las Vegas vacation.

That's why a round or two of golf is such an essential part of your itinerary. Nothing clears a head like a brisk 18 holes in the Nevada desert after a night of misadventures best forgotten.

With more than 50 courses, Sin City offers one of North America's most exciting golf



The Las Vegas National Golf Club is the site of Tiger Woods' first PGA-Tour win in 1996. CONTRIBUTED

scenes. There are extravagant big-ticket courses favoured by business moguls and movie stars, as well as superb layouts geared to every budget.

Of course, almost nobody goes to Las Vegas just for the golf. From wholesome fare such as Cirque de Soleil's ac-

claimed Beatles tribute show at the Mirage to an eye-popping pin-up themed revue starring a former Playboy Playmate of the Year at the Wynn Las Vegas, the entertainment possibilities are almost endless.

Among the hottest late-night clubs for those deter-

mined to party till dawn are LAX at the Luxor, The Bank at the Bellagio and Tao at the Venetian. But only the uninitiated and unhip even think of making their entrance before midnight.

Night owls bidding their time might want to stop by the

## The best free show in Vegas

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Cloud Nine Short Course at Angel Park Golf Club and play par-3 golf on floodlit fairways. But come the dawn, Angel Park is best known as the home of two excellent full-length 18-hole layouts, the Palm and Mountain courses, both designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay.

Part of the beauty of golf in Las Vegas is that several top courses are just a short cab ride from the Strip, eliminating the need for a rental car. Next door to the Mandalay Resort and Casino is the Bali Hai Golf Club, a gorgeous Schmidt-Curley design offering views of the towering casinos.

Also found in the heart of the city is Desert Pines Golf Club, a Carolina sandhills-style layout by the great Pete Dye. Another must-play is Las Vegas National Golf Club, famous as the site of Tiger Woods' first PGA-Tour victory in 1996.

So much fantastic golf, so little time. Among the most unique local courses is Bear's Best Las Vegas, featuring 18 reproductions of holes selected by Jack Nicklaus from the more than 270 courses he has designed around the world.

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'Beach time' watch



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# Honolulu's urban scene

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When people think of Honolulu, they are usually thinking of surf, sand and hula dancing. And while a visit to Waikiki — the city's main hotel and resort area on the south shore — is a must-see, there is a new urban culture that's well worth exploring.

With an emerging arts scene, new culinary offerings and trendy nightlife, Honolulu is developing its urban culture alongside the preservation of its cultural heritage.

"We're continuing to see the destination evolve through emerging neighbourhoods where communities of new, local talent — young chefs, artists, filmmakers and designers — are redefining Hawaii's culture, providing new

experiences for visitors," said Les Enderton, executive director with the Oahu Visitors Bureau.

Over the past few years, Honolulu has seen a revitalization of Chinatown in the city's downtown core, which had a reputation for being rather seedy. While visitors can still experience Chinatown's traditional markets, herbal medicine shops and dim sum restaurants, the area has transformed into one of Oahu's hottest fashion, arts and dining districts.

Locally owned boutiques have opened their doors, including Fighting Eel, Homecoming, Andy South, in4mation and Florencia Arias. And art galleries, such as The Arts at



Tasting coconut shrimp with fresh pineapple or savoury garlic prawns from a shrimp truck shouldn't be missed if you visit Honolulu.

Marks Garage, feature exhibits by local and up-and-coming artists.

A new generation of chefs is offering its take on traditional Hawaiian cuisine, with a focus on sustainability and locally sourced produce.

Chinatown is also one of the best spots to take in Honolulu's nightlife, with a high concentration of local watering holes and trendy bars. There's Bar 35, which serves up more than 150 beers from 21 countries, while Next Door hosts renowned DJs, and Downbeat Diner and Lounge offers live music.

Local favourite The



Honolulu offers the best of both worlds: An emerging urban scene, with outdoor adventures like surfing. HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TOR JOHNSON PHOTOS

## Honolulu side trips

- Notable attractions in and around Honolulu include Pearl Harbor, Iolani Palace, Nuuanu Pali Lookout, and Hanauma Bay, as well as the Honolulu Zoo and Waikiki Aquarium for family fun.
- Or rent a car for the day and head to the North Shore to take in the island's surf culture. The world's top surfing competitions take place here, where waves can swell up to 30 feet or more.

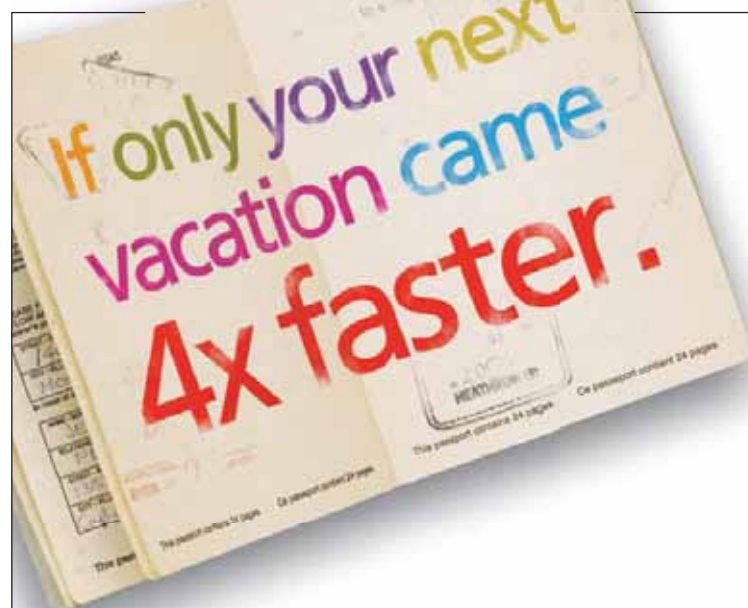
Manifest acts as an art gallery and café by day, turning into a bar in the evening with one of the best selections of whisky in Hawaii. This is the place to get an Old Fashioned: Justin Park, Manifest's bar manager, was recently se-

lected by the U.S. Bartenders' Guild to represent the U.S. in an International Bartenders' Association world cocktail championship in South Africa.

The Kakaako neighbourhood is also emerging as a

Honolulu hot spot, serving as an incubator for artists, chefs and entrepreneurs. The area, which is undergoing a revitalization, is home to Honolulu Beerworks, which brews and serves local beer on-site, and Highway Inn, a longtime local favourite serving traditional Hawaiian fare.

Honolulu offers the best of both worlds: An emerging urban scene, with outdoor adventure and traditional culture. Learning to surf, experiencing a traditional luau and stopping by a shrimp truck — to sample coconut shrimp with fresh pineapple or savoury garlic prawns — shouldn't be missed.



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## Herbed Chicken Breasts with Avocado Paste.

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Healthy meals don't have to be flavourless.

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### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh coriander or basil or Italian parsley
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Serve up a colourful quinoa salad alongside this chicken dish to brighten up your dark evening dinner. The leftover combination will make a great salad. Or tuck the chicken into a pita with lettuce and tomato for a hearty sandwich.

**1.** In large bowl, toss together coriander, garlic, cumin and pepper with chicken breasts to coat evenly. (Make ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to

eight hours.)

**2.** Heat large non-stick ovenproof skillet over medium high heat and brown chicken breasts evenly on both sides, about eight minutes. Place in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside. Slice into thick slices.

**3.** Avocado Paste: Meanwhile, remove skin and pit from avocado and scoop flesh into bowl. Mash with fork until smooth. Stir in shallot, garlic, red pepper, vinegar and pinch pepper. Spoon avocado paste alongside chicken to serve. Sprinkle with coriander leaves before serving if desired.



This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

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# My focus at work is getting a little fuzzy

**Career.** Factors outside our control can distract us at our desks, but there are ways to help you hone in on work

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No matter where you work, you've probably found that it can sometimes be hard to concentrate.

Maybe it's because a constant influx of emails keeps interrupting your workflow or because your office is open-concept and you can't close your door on the sound of your co-workers chatting, humming or talking on the phone. As the holidays draw closer, you may find it even harder to concentrate, particularly if those around you are more interested in talking about social engagements and

exchanging cards. Whatever the case, here are a few things you can do to make it easier to concentrate:

## Get comfortable

It's hard to concentrate if you're not comfortable in your workspace.

If you work at a desk, adjust your seat so you're sitting with a straight back and your feet firmly on the floor. Next, adjust your monitor to make sure that your screen is at eye level and your hands are resting on your keyboard with your elbows bent at approximately a 90-degree angle. If your workplace is too warm or too cool for your liking and you're not able to control the overall temperature, dress appropriately. Try wearing layers if you're sensitive to heat or cold, or if your office temperature tends to fluctuate throughout the day.

## Put your phone away

This may be tough if you're

## Gimme a break

Don't forget to take periodic breaks to give your eyes a break from your screen, stretch your legs and get a drink of water or a snack.

- Use an app to remind yourself to get up and stretch if you won't remember to do it on your own or set an alarm to help you follow some kind of routine, like working for 55 minutes then taking a five-minute break.
- It's important to make sure that you also eat well and stay hydrated, so be sure to have a solid breakfast and lunch and drink plenty of water throughout the day. It will give you the energy you need to power through your day and will stop you from getting distracted by hunger or thirst.



used to keeping your phone near you, but it can have a huge impact on your productivity. Your phone can be really distracting if it's constantly alerting you of incoming messages. Put it on silent and move it out of sight, at least while you're working on anything that requires a high level of concentration.

## Tidy up

Take a bit of time to straighten up your desk before settling in to work on a project so that your mind doesn't wander to the teetering piles of papers and dirty dishes stacked around you. Try to get into the habit of setting aside five to 10 minutes at the start or end of every workday to tidy up your workspace. In addition to improving your focus, it will also set a good example to your co-workers and show

them that you make an effort to stay organized.

## Set a schedule

Make a list of what you want to accomplish each day — you're more likely to force yourself to focus if you know that you only have X amount of time to work on each task.

You should also schedule in breaks so that you don't forget to give yourself a rest. Plus, having a scheduled break to look forward to might also make it easier to buckle down. Assemble everything you know you'll need so that you're not scrambling to find important notes and documents while you're in the middle of working, since that can disrupt your workflow.

## Silence notifications

Set your email, social media

and other notifications to silent while you're working if you find yourself losing focus every time you get a new alert. If you get a lot of emails over the course of your day, you may want to close your email program for an hour or two so you can concentrate on the task at hand.

## Switch it up

If you hit a wall at work,

try switching tasks or try changing your approach to what you're working on. For example, you could consult a co-worker if you're stuck on something or brainstorm to see if you can take a different angle to solving a problem.

If your boss is OK with it, you can also try temporarily changing your work hours. Coming in early or staying late may give you an opportunity to take advantage of quieter times at the office, helping you to get down to business without others around to distract you.

## Use headphones

Headphones can be a lifesaver at work. If you find yourself getting distracted by your colleagues or other sources of noise that are outside your control, you might want to invest in a pair of noise-cancelling headphones to block out whatever is bothering you. Otherwise, you can simply use your headphones to listen to soothing music. Something without lyrics is most likely to help you focus, so look for an instrumental playlist online that you can work well to.

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Stars forward Travis Moen is pressured by Oilers Mark Fayne, right, and Nikita Nikitin as goalie Viktor Fasth looks on in Dallas, Tuesday. TONY GUTIERREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Seguin shoots Stars past hapless Oilers

**NHL.** Sniper scores twice and leads the league with 17 goals

Tyler Seguin scored two goals to give him an NHL-leading 17, and rookie defenceman John Klingberg added a goal from centre ice and an assist to lead the Dallas Stars to a 3-2 victory over the struggling Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday night.

On Tuesday	
3	2
Stars	Oilers

Boyd Gordon scored a

short-handed goal in the first period and Taylor Hall tallied in the third for the Oilers (6-14-2).

Kari Lehtonen made 35 saves for the Stars while Oilers goalie Viktor Fasth stopped 31 shots.

The Stars won their third straight for the first time this season in the fourth game of a season-high, five-game homestand.

Edmonton, last in the

Western Conference, is 0-6-1 in its last seven games. The Oilers haven't led since a win over the New York Rangers on Nov. 9. The Oilers fell to 0-11-1 against Western Conference opponents as they began a three-game trip against Central Division teams.

The Oilers will visit the Nashville Predators on Thursday and conclude the road trip on Friday against the St. Louis Blues. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Athletes speak up

Reactions on Twitter to the grand jury's decision not to indict officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo.:



"The system enables young black men to be killed behind the mask of law #Ferguson #tippingpoint #change"

Kobe Bryant

"Wow. Just wow. Shameful. What will it take???"

Serena Williams



"Disgusted by decision in Ferguson. Racism is learned. Accepted is systematic suffocation of education and opportunity. What are we saying?"

Steve Nash

"As a society how do we do better and stop things like this happening time after time!! ... Violence is not the answer people. Retaliation isn't the solution as well. #PrayersUpToTheFamilies #WeHaveToDoBetter"

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# Aguero shows Bayern the City

**Thrilling match.** With a hat trick, Argentine striker saves Man City's chances in the Champions League

Sergio Aguero scored a hat trick, including two late goals, to inspire Manchester City to a 3-2 win over 10-man Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Tuesday, reviving the English champions' chances of reaching the knockout stage.

Aguero, who put City ahead with a 21st-minute penalty that led to the sending-off of defender Mehdi Benatia, consigned Bayern to a first competitive



loss this season by capitalizing on defensive errors to score again in the 85th and then in the first minute of stoppage time.

City is tied on five points with Roma and CSKA Moscow in Group E, seven behind already-qualified Bayern. Heading into the final round of group games, City needs to better CSKA's result at Bayern and improve its head-to-head against Roma, either beating the Italian side or achieving a higher-scoring draw than 1-1.

"This team never knows it is beaten," City manager Manuel Pellegrini said. "I am sure that this kind of victory gives a lot of trust to the whole squad."

Bayern fielded a weakened team with progress belied its numerical inferiority by

coming from behind to lead at Etihad Stadium, with Xabi Alonso and Robert Lewandowski scoring in the final five minutes of the first half.

Somehow, despite picking up just two points from its first four group matches, City can still qualify for the last 16. Its chances would have been very slim without Aguero's late intervention at the same end of Etihad Stadium where the Argentina striker won the Premier League title for City with an injury-time goal on the last day of the 2011-12 season.

"We gave them the game," Bayern coach Pep Guardiola said. "They had hardly any chances with 11 against 10 ... we were tired in the last 10 minutes."

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One more record

72

Barcelona thrashed APOEL 4-0 Tuesday as Lionel Messi scored a hat trick to set a Champions League scoring record. Messi's first goal in the 38th minute was his 72nd Champions League goal, beating 71 by former Real Madrid and Schalke striker Raul.



Manchester City's Sergio Aguero celebrates after scoring the match-winning goal against Bayern Munich on Tuesday at Etihad Stadium in Manchester, England. The Argentine striker scored two late goals to complete a hat trick, saving Man City's prospects of making the last 16 in the Champions League. Scan the image with your Metro News app for a roundup of the rest of Tuesday's action around Europe. ALEX LIVESEY/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

## Kane leads Jets past Columbus

Evander Kane scored two power-play goals as the Winnipeg Jets held on to beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 4-2 on Tuesday night.

Bryan Little and Andrew Ladd both had a goal and an assist, and Blake Wheeler and Jacob Trouba added two assists apiece for Winnipeg, which snapped a two-game losing streak.

Rookie goalie Michael Hutchinson made 32 saves to improve to 4-1-1.

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NBA

## Curry, Warriors catch fire in 4th Q

Stephen Curry scored 40 points, and the Golden State Warriors beat the Miami Heat 114-97 on Tuesday night for their sixth consecutive victory.

Golden State scored 14 straight points to open a 107-95 lead with 2:50 to go. Curry and Thompson capped the run with consecutive three-pointers.

Thompson had 24 points for the Warriors.

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## \$183M. Red Sox spree brings Sandoval, Ramirez

Pablo Sandoval and Hanley Ramirez spent the last two seasons as NL West rivals. Now they're teammates in Boston, the result of a \$183-million spending spree the Red Sox are hoping will lift them out of the AL East cellar.

"It's exciting for me to be with Hanley and David Ortiz," Sandoval said Tuesday at Fenway Park after finishing up a five-year, \$95-million contract that adds him to a lineup he called "The Three Amigos."

About five hours later, the Red Sox completed their day-night news conference doubleheader by announcing Ramirez' four-year deal, which is worth \$88 million. A former Red Sox prospect, Ramirez was traded to the Marlins nine Thanksgiving ago in a deal that brought Mike Lowell and Josh Beckett to Boston.

"Why not go back where you belong?" Ramirez said. "It worked out for the both of us: You guys won a couple of world championships. I haven't won any, but that's what I'm here for."

Sandoval helped the Giants win three titles, earning the World Series MVP in 2012 and the nickname "Kung Fu Panda" that helped cement him as a fan favourite. He thanked the



Newly acquired infielder Hanley Ramirez, right, and Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington

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Giants for bringing him up as a big leaguer and Giants' fans for their support.

"I want a new challenge. I need a new challenge," he said at an afternoon news conference. "I know that I had a great career in San Francisco. But I'm going to have a new one here."

Sandoval helps fill a hole in the Red Sox lineup for a third baseman and a left-handed bat. Ramirez, who played shortstop with the Marlins and Los Angeles Dodgers, is expected to move to left field.

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- **Type.** Four-door, AWD luxury sedan
- **Engines.** 3.8-litre V6 (311 hp), 5.0-litre V8 (420)
- **Transmission.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Price.** \$44,995 base, \$54,995 as tested

## Market position

The original Genesis sedan, introduced in 2008, was Hyundai's first foray into the luxury segment. It's a premium car that is less expensive than its comparably sized and equipped rivals. Along with big brother Equus, Genesis is a showcase for Hyundai's technological capabilities.

## Points

- Debuts Hyundai's new AWD system, which is standard on all models.
- Greater focus on handling prowess, with a suspension tuned by Lotus engineers.
- First vehicle styled in the next stage of Hyundai's Fluidic Sculpture design.
- Advanced lane-keeping technology makes Genesis almost a self-driving car on the highway.



The cabin is appealing, with copious amounts of wood grain and leather.

## Safety features

Nine airbags, adaptive cruise control with stop-and-go capabilities, autonomous emergency braking, blind-spot detection with rear-traffic alert, lane-departure warning, lane-changing assist, C2 sensor control system, AWD active cornering control can apply brakes to the inside rear wheel, for better handling.

# Luxury without the price

**Review.** Hyundai's second-generation Genesis now handles better and looks even better inside and out

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This second-generation Hyundai Genesis is not a revelation. It is a competent and attractive luxury sedan, but we are not surprised. Hyundai has a long and successful track record of striding into new territories, making each successive model better, and repeating the exercise at a brisk pace.

The first Genesis, which debuted in 2008, was a solid crack at the luxury market. But there was room for improvement, particularly with the ride and handling. Hyundai called in the engineering troops from Lotus to sort out the dynamics, and it really paid off. Some rivals, such as the Cadillac CTS and the Audi A6, are sportier, but this Genesis is one sweet ride, with an enviable blend of comfort and swerve-ability.

The handling is helped by an all-new, sophisticated AWD



PHOTOS: MIKE GOETZ

system, which moves torque around to exploit the progressive characteristics of the rear-wheel-drive platform. (Steering feel, however, is a little numb.)

The V6 and V8 engine options are carried over from the first Genesis, as is the eight-speed automatic transmission, which shifts beautifully.

Although a 5.0-litre V8 is available, our tester had the base 311-hp 3.8-litre V8, which pretty much overpowers any of the other base engines in this class, many of which have

settled on 2.0-L turbos.

Styling is subjective, but to these eyes, the exterior look is another area where Genesis excels — an intriguing blend of aggression and elegance. Inside is equally appealing, with lots of wood grain and leather.

The rear seating area is commodious, and underscores the fact that Genesis is bigger than most of its rivals.

As with any luxury car today, Genesis boasts a long list of comfort, convenience and safety features. Highlights include a

12-way driver's seat, lane-keeping assist, an available 900-watt stereo with 17 speakers and Logic 7 surround sound, and the industry's first CO2-sensing control system, which brings fresh air into the cabin when CO2 levels get too high.

In fact, the only checklist boxes Genesis doesn't tick are "luxury brand cache" and "luxury dealership experience."

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When you fill your tank with gasoline, what are you getting, exactly? It's refined petroleum, of course, but there are also several additives and detergents in the mix.

"Gasoline is made up of molecules, and when you refine it, you take the different streams (of refined fuel) and blend them," says Michael Howe, senior fuel scientist for Shell Global Solutions. "It has to meet a specification set by American Standard Testing and Materials, so when you buy something, you know what you're getting."

Additives primarily stabilize the gasoline, Howe says, so its components don't react with one another and



Gasoline contains several additives and detergents to improve performance and protect your engine. CONTRIBUTED

form deposits or gums that can possibly foul the engine. Other additives can include friction modifiers, which make it easier for the pistons to slide in their cylinders.

Additive blends also include detergents, which are similar to soap. When en-

gines burn gasoline vapour, it creates carbon, which sticks to the valves. Known as engine gunk, these deposits can reduce the engine's efficiency if they build up too much.

"The detergents are like a soap molecule, with a long tail and a small, reactive,

polar head," Howe says. "The long tail keeps it soluble, but when it comes across the deposits, the polar head gets stuck on the deposit and the interaction pulls off chunks of it. Then they're carried into the combustion chamber where they're burned.

"This continues until the deposits are gone off the valve. It's essentially doing the same thing as soap when it interacts with greasy soil, but it's not water-soluble, it's gasoline-soluble."

As the name implies, additives are put into the gasoline, blended together into what's called an additive package. After the fuel is refined, the refinery pumps it into a pipeline, where it goes to a distribution centre and is stored in tanks. When it's time to deliver it to gas stations, the fuel is pumped out of the tank and into a truck, and, at this point, the additive package is added to the fuel.

Although all companies use additives, the components in each package are proprietary, and their ingredients are a closely guarded secret.

"Refining fuel is a standard, specific action, but it's never exactly the same," Howe says. "You have to put in additives to correct it, or keep instabilities from happening."

## Fast facts

- Gasoline contains octane, which controls how easily it will combust, but it isn't an additive. Instead, the level of octane is set during the refining process.
- Diesel fuel also contains additives. Sometimes diesel is also dyed red, indicating that it's for farm machinery, and that its price doesn't include road taxes. However, it's illegal to use dyed diesel in regular vehicles, and the colour lets authorities know if it's being used improperly.
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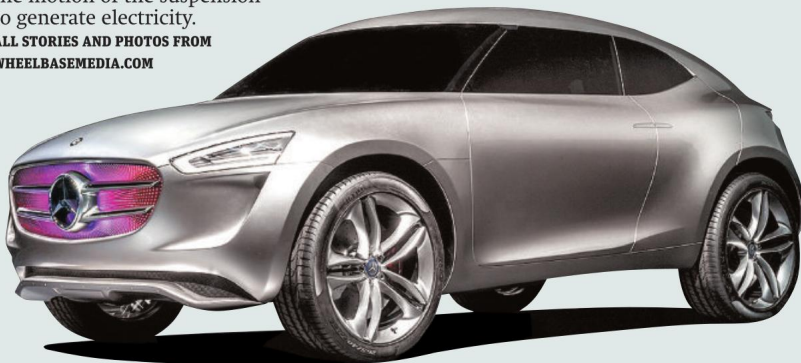


# Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

## SUV's paint captures power from the sun and the wind

At the opening of its Mercedes-Benz Product Engineering Center in Beijing, China, the luxury automaker unveiled a concept car powered not just by hydrogen, but by its own paint. The Vision G-Code SUV (named with the Chinese market in mind) sports "multi-voltaic" paint that harvests solar and wind energy. Mercedes said the paint acts like a giant solar cell "with excellent efficiency," and can be charged electrostatically by the relative wind caused by driving, or by the natural wind when the vehicle is stationary. The G-Code also features "power on the move" suspension, which recovers energy from the motion of the suspension to generate electricity.

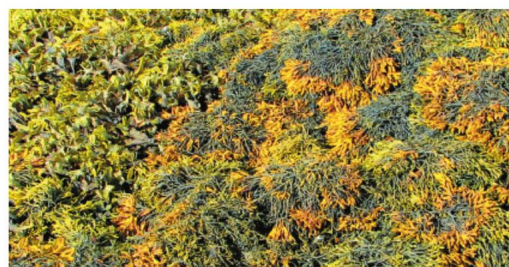
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One of the most exciting claims about the Mercedes G-Code is that its paint collects power from both the sun and the wind. How much power? Good question. But the concept SUV also runs on hydrogen.

## Seaweed biofuel saves farms for food

Seaweed — kelp, in particular — shows promising signs of becoming a biofuel feedstock, thanks to a newly designed hydrothermal process that greatly increases the amount of bio-oil that can be extracted from it. As a fuel source that doesn't take up farmland or use water that would otherwise be used to grow crops, kelp also grows extremely quickly. Researchers at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology said their variation on a process known as hydrothermal liquefaction — rapidly heating a slurry of kelp and water, then holding it briefly at a high temperature (585 Celsius) — results in 79 per cent of the biomass being converted to bio-oil. Previous efforts resulted in just a 19 per cent conversion rate.



## Shift points

- After saying it would not replace its compact Ranger pickup, Ford appears to be having a change of heart. Marketing manager Dave Scott told USA Today the company is "seriously considering" an entry-level compact.
- U.S. researchers have designed a lithium-sulphur battery with four times the longevity of typical sulphur batteries. That's significant because they already hold four times the energy per mass of lithium-ions.
- A U.S. radio report says sales of hybrids, plug-ins and electric vehicles are down in that country by about 5 per cent this year, while trucks and SUVs have seen 17- and 20-per-cent increases.

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## L.A. auto show. Drives like a BMW but runs on electric power: Compact i3 is named Green Car of the Year

BMW's first-ever plug-in electric vehicle was named Green Car of the Year during a ceremony at L.A. auto show.

The i3 was the only electric car among the five finalists in contention for the award, which recognizes environmental leadership in the automotive field and is presented each year by Green Car Journal.

The other finalists were the Chevrolet Impala Bi-Fuel, the Audi A3 TDI, the Honda Fit and the Volkswagen Golf.

The i3 has a 170-hp electric motor and a range of 160 km. But what makes the car stand out against other plug-in electrics are its handling and performance characteristics. It can hit 100 km/h in 7.2 seconds and offers the same driving dynamics as BMW's gas-powered cars.

However, what tipped the scales in BMW's favour for the award was its zero emissions and the high percentage of sustainably produced materials used in the car's construction.

The i3 starts at \$44,950 in Canada and qualifies for a green-car rebate of up to \$8,500 in some provinces. **AFP**



The BMW i3 has a 170-hp electric motor and a range of 160 km on a single charge. But what makes the compact car stand out against other plug-in electrics are its handling and performance characteristics. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Custom Toyota van features a toothy grin and a bubble-blowing roof. **AFP**

## L.A. auto show. SpongeBob inspires custom Sienna

Car designers draw their inspiration from many places — nature, sci-fi novels, the works of Picasso or Matisse. Or, in the case of the concept car gracing the L.A. auto show, a Nickelodeon cartoon character.

SpongeBob SquarePants is one of the world's truly global cultural icons, and Toyota has done its best to bring the character to life in vehicular form.

The windshield of the customized Sienna minivan is adorned with SpongeBob's

eyes and his buck-toothed grin. The roof features his Superhero Incredibubble mask and even blows real bubbles.

Inside, the van has a blue, wood-grain dashboard and a ship's wheel. Each of the seats references one of SpongeBob's friends, and the floor mats have a sandy, textured finish.

Following the auto show, the van will head off on a promotional tour to publicize the next SpongeBob SquarePants film, due out in February. **AFP**



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# Fast, frugal sedan loaded with features

**Second gear.**  
2011 to 2014  
Chrysler 200

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Since its redesign for model year 2011, the Chrysler 200 gained more comfort, better handling, more features, a more upscale interior and more power — all while maintaining a high-value approach to delivering a four-door family sedan.

Note that the mechanically-similar 200 Convertible was also available, but we'll cover that in another column.

Appealing largely on equipment and performance levels relative to its price, the redesigned 200 sold from 2011 to 2014, and has been replaced by an all-new 2015 model.

Look for such upscale features as automatic climate control, Bluetooth, motorized heated leather seats, a touch-screen navigation system, LED cabin lighting, an optional Boston Acoustics stereo system, USB connectivity and hard-drive audio storage for ripping your music collection into the stereo.

## Common Issues

Be sure the 200 you're considering shifts smoothly and consistently, and have it investigated by a mechanic if it doesn't.

Gear shifts may be quick or even abrupt — although if they occur with a bang, or any unwelcome sound effects, there could be trouble brewing.

Confirm proper operation of all on-board electronics, paying close attention to the Bluetooth connectivity, the steering-wheel-mounted audio controls and the instrument cluster illumination.

Next, check out the climate control system. Be sure the air conditioner works, and then check to make sure you get heat out of the vents on both sides of the cabin when called upon.

There's some discussion about clogged or leaky heater cores being a potential issue, which could negatively affect the 200's ability to deliver heat in colder months.

Other signs of trouble may include low coolant levels, or the sweet, sugary, slightly burned smell of engine coolant inside the car.

If you hear a popping or thumping sound from up front while turning the wheel at low speeds, or while stopped, further investigation is required, as the tie rods or strut mounts may need replacing.

Finally, note that a small portion of early 3.6-litre engines were replaced under warranty due to bad cylinder heads. The issue was rare and seems to affect only 2011 and some 2012 models, before the cylinder head was redesigned to fix the issue. Best defense against this noteworthy issue is to stick to a unit with plenty of powertrain warranty remaining.



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## What owners like



Good overall bang for the buck, a comfortable ride, a potent six-cylinder engine, smooth performance and an upscale feel to the cabin. Fuel efficiency is also rated well, as is the trunk space, and overall cargo volume.

## What owners dislike



Typical complaints include less-than-adquate performance on models with the four-cylinder engine, as well as a vague and limp feel to the steering system.

## Engines



Engine options included a 2.4-litre four-cylinder unit with 173 horsepower teamed to a four-speed automatic, or Chrysler's Pentastar 3.6-litre V6 with output approaching the 300 horsepower mark.

## The verdict

Relatively low pricing, the rocket-propelled V6 engine, and decent-looking reliability make the Chrysler 200 a good candidate for a used bang-for-the-buck sedan. All common issues should be easy for test-drivers or their mechanics to identify.

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

### ♈ Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

You may feel out of step with others today but sometimes you just have to do your own thing, in your own way, at your own speed. Maybe it's everyone else who is out of step.

### ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

If you get criticized today — and with Saturn strong in your opposite sign that is almost guaranteed — don't react as if the world is coming to an end.

### ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

What you visualize over the next 24 hours is what you will be able to do in weeks to come, so don't dismiss genuine insights as fantasy.

### ♋ Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

You need to find a solution to either a money matter or a relationship issue. The way out of your predicament is obvious really but it will also be costly. Act and pay now or pay an even larger penalty later.

### ♌ Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

Remember today that a loved one does not mean the negative things they have been saying. Like you they are under pressure that inevitably affects the way they speak and act.

### ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

Today's Mercury-Saturn link is a reminder that life is meant to be fun — and a warning that if you do too much you will pay for it.

### ♎ Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

A dream you've had for years is about to become a reality. It may not come about in the way you expected. Recognize how fortunate you are and make the most of the opportunity.

### ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

You've made sacrifices in recent weeks and today's Mercury-Saturn union in your sign indicates there is something else you must do before you can move onto new pastures.

### ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

Try not to say anything too hurtful today or it may take weeks or even months to win back a loved one's trust.

### ♑ Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

The more passionately someone tries to convince you of their honesty the more likely it is they want something. Keep your money in your pocket.

### ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

You have an important message to get across and if the only way to make yourself heard is to shout then do it. You have been quiet long enough.

### ♓ Pisces

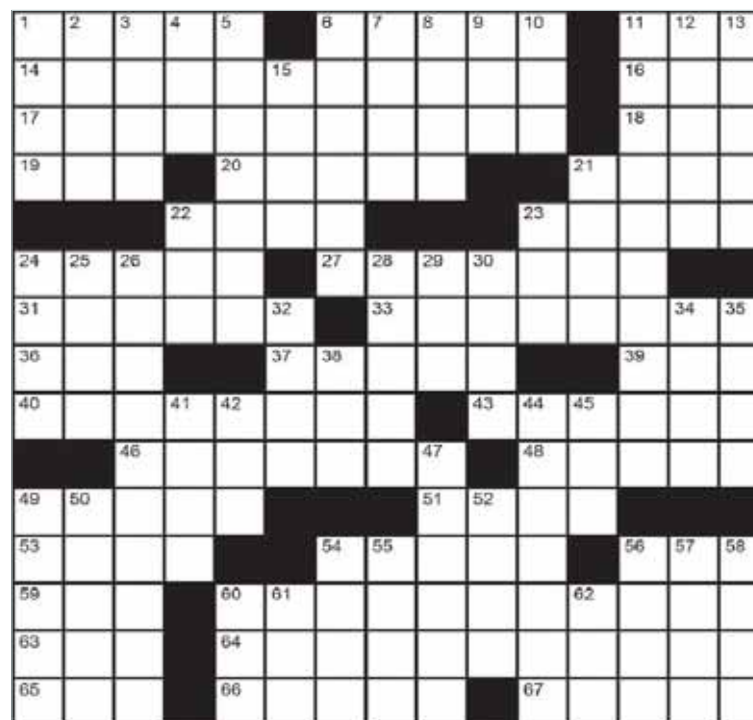
**Feb. 20 - March 20**

You may be convinced that you are in the right about something but do not push your case too hard over the next 24 hours. If others can't see the truth then they are the ones most likely to suffer for it.

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

### Across

1. Pari \_\_\_ (Impartially)
6. Shakespeare: Julius Caesar conspirator
11. Humanities degs.
14. Submarine exit: 2 wds.
16. Away
17. 1965 James Bond movie for #60-Across
18. Gun gr.
19. Academic year div.
20. "Take \_\_\_ for free." - The Band, "The Weight"
21. Split
22. Word's history [abbr.]
23. Bottomless pit
24. Stray calf [var. sp.]
27. Winter cap's one-of-two
31. "Help Me, \_\_\_" by The Beach Boys
33. Educated/versed in books
36. Suffer
37. \_\_\_ with nature
39. 'The Finals' gr.
40. 1970s musical for Canadian actor Victor Garber
43. Big name in movies
46. Decrease/slump
48. Negative/Positive
49. Ms. Deschanel of "Bones"
51. Bygone Ford cars
53. Typeface
54. Laissez-\_\_\_
56. Soup sort
59. Lighthouse sur-rounder



60. Canadian actress, b.1927 - d.2007, who played the character at #11-Down in several 007 movies: 2 wds.
63. Anger
64. Some store staff: 2 wds.
65. 'Ballad' suffix
66. Canadian racecar

- driver Paul
67. Sammy of baseball, and surname-sakes

### Down

1. Domesticated pals
2. Tennis legend Arthur
3. Soap \_\_\_ (Bathroom cleanser's target)

4. \_\_\_ Diego
5. Made current
6. 1950s car trimming
7. Rhyming scheme
8. Dutch city
9. Old Rome's 250
10. Calder Cup org.
11. As per #60-Across... M's secretary, Miss \_\_\_
12. Visions of light

13. "The North" Canadian band
15. Moray-like
21. Up-the-slopes ride
22. "Ich bin \_\_\_ Berliner." - JFK
23. Wholly
24. Burden
25. Toledo's locale
26. 1964 James Bond movie for #60-Across

28. "He's mad that trusts in the tameness of \_\_\_" - Fool, in Shakespeare's King Lear
29. Kevin's "Foot-loose" (1984) role
30. Bolted
32. Biblical son
34. Have \_\_\_ in one's bonnet
35. Calendar parts
38. Jeff Lynne's gr.
41. \_\_\_ and vinegar chips
42. 2-\_\_\_ tissue
44. Back pages of books
45. "Help!"
47. Not solid, as construction
49. \_\_\_ Trinket, Elizabeth Banks' role in 'Hunger Games' movies
50. Actress Demi
52. Pitfall
54. Chick-\_\_\_ (American restaurant chain)
55. "Gimme \_\_\_..." (Wait)
56. Liveliness
57. "\_\_\_ the Elephant" (Canadian cartoon series)
58. Beers
60. Grocery-shopper's li'l paper
61. Dinghy director
62. Romance

## Yesterday's Crossword



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## Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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